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1. ABUS Leipziger Transportanlagenbau VVB (formerly A.T.G.), 50 Anton-Zickmantel-Str., Leipzig, manufactures conveyor equipment, including endless belt and band conveyors, and conveying equipment for the mining, cement and soda industries, as well as pulverizers (hammer mills) for the brown coal industry.
2. The value of the 1952 production amounted to 27,000,000 eastmarks, of which 700,000 eastmarks were on reparations account. Output per quarter was 40 to 50 conveyors and 15 hammer mills.
3. ABUS Leipziger Transportanlagenbau VVB customers include Grosskokersel Lauchhammer, Maxhütte, Unterwellenborn, and the Senftenberg brown coal mines. Its products were also exported to Hungary.
4. Until the end of 1952, cranes, lifting capacity of 3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 15 and 20 tons, were built for shipyards at Wismar, Warnemünde, and Rostock. Since then, however, no cranes have been built; activities in this connection are restricted to erection and repair work.

Organisation

5. ABUS Leipziger Transportanlagenbau has two sister companies. One at Leipzig, which has been in operation since the fall of 1952, manufactures chiefly hammer mills. Another is still in the process of construction; it occupies the premises of the former Technische Messe (Technical Fair) at Leipzig.
6. About 600 to 650 people are employed at the Anton-Zickmantel-Strasse plant; they work in three shifts.
7. The principal executives at ABUS Leipziger Transportanlagenbau are the following:

Paul Richter (SED)	Plant Director
Hans Friemer (SED)	Technical Director

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Hans Noak (SED)		Production Director
Rudolf Mueller		Commercial Director
Alfred Reussner (SED,		Personnel Director
Kurt Engelbrecht		Chief Accountant
Clara Graetz (SED,		Plant Party Chief
Werner Goeldner (SED,		Technical Department Head
Schmidt (SED, political orator,		Labor Department Head

Raw materials

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8. Raw materials are obtained from the following firms :

Raw materialSupplier

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Iron and steel castings

VEB GUS Leipziger Eisen- und Stahlwerke, Leipzig;
 Alfred Nestmann, Gossnitz;¹
 GUS Eisengiesserei Merano VVB;
 Edmund Becker & Co., Leipzig;
 Sachseengasse, Leipzig.

Sectional iron

DHZ, Leipzig;

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Thin and thick sheet iron

Hettstedt (sic) and the USSR (imported sheets
 are double-rolled and have defects, air
 inclusions)

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Ball bearings

Leipziger Kugellagerfabrik DKF (SAG Transmach),
 Bechtholz-Werrenberg near Leipzig;
 Werk fuer Schwermaschinenbau S.M. Kirow (SAG
 Transmach), Leipzig.
 Ball bearings, in some cases, are supplied with
 hard wood cases.

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 Paul Nestmann Komm. Ges.

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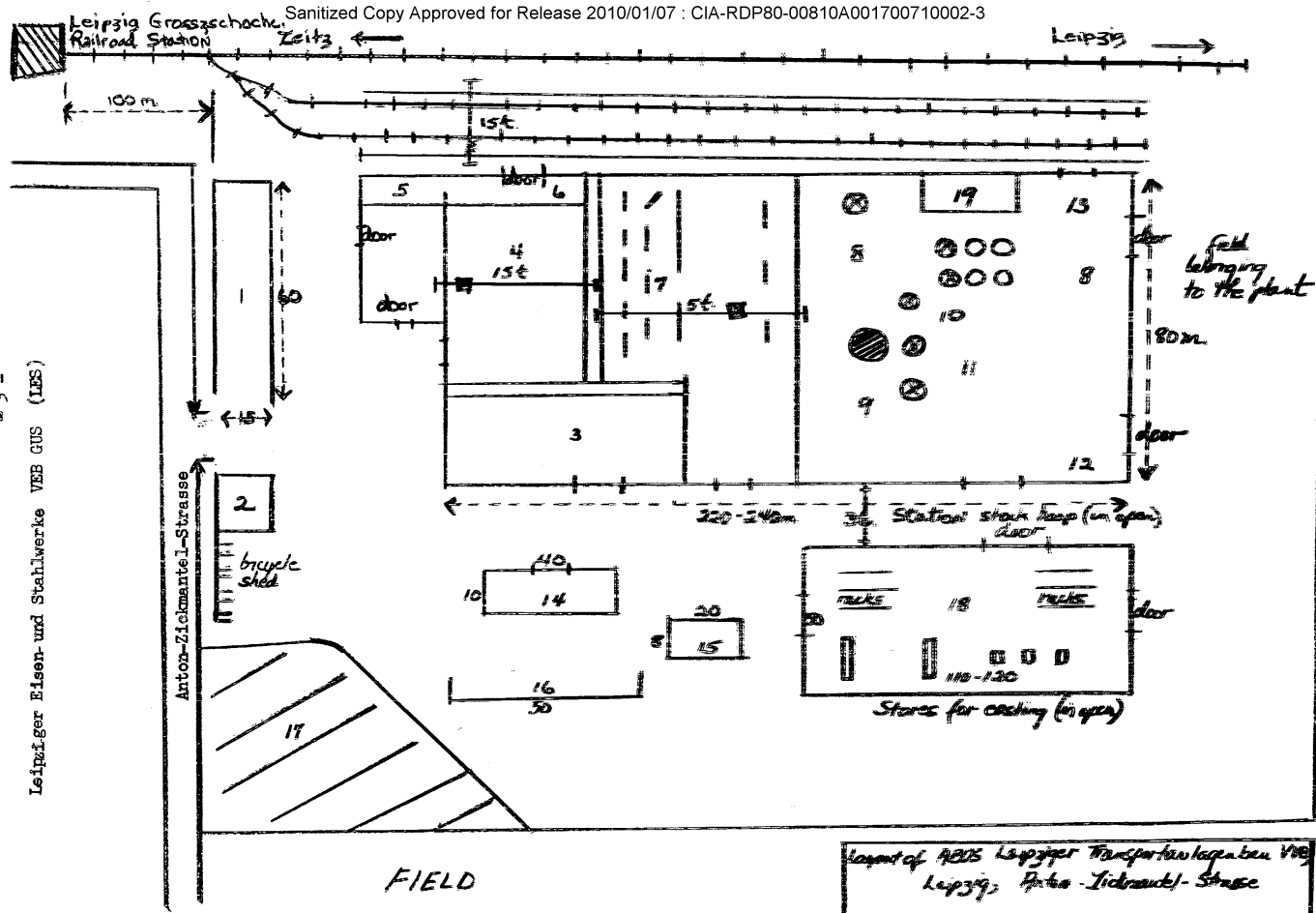
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Key to Sketch

1. Former administration building with five rows of windows, now in ruins and not used.
2. Gatekeeper's house (stone).
3. Administration offices (3 rows of windows).
4. Erection shop.
5. Infirmary (2 rows of windows).
6. Fitters (2 rows of windows).
7. Turners (12 lathes, 2 large center lathes).
8. Machine shop (⊙ = drilling machine, ○ = slotting machine,
● = screw thread rolling machine, pendulum
circular saw).
9. Assembly line.
10. Tool crib.
11. Welders (autogenous and electric, with about 8 electric welding sets).
12. Carpenters and joiners.
13. Electricians.
14. Two-story building, first floor-drivers; second floor - school.
15. Stockyard for building materials.
16. Scrap heap.
17. Green field with trees.
18. Wooden hut used for storage space.
19. Boiler house.

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